

our citizens informed, educates our children, and makes our communities stronger. I will fight against these “dumb-cuts” because Minnesota Public Radio and Twin Cities Public Television are critical community assets that deserve federal support.

Given Republicans’ frantic attempts to slash federal spending in even the most detrimental ways, eliminating CPB is a very real possibility. In my position on the House Appropriations Committee, I will do everything in my power to prevent public broadcasting stations nationwide from being forced to shut their doors, but I cannot do it alone. I urge my colleagues to protect this valuable public good and vote against H.R. 1.

HONORING MINNIE CARTER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Minnie Carter. Ms. Carter grew up in Tunica County, Mississippi and is extremely proud to continue her work in her community. She is a graduate of Rosa Fort High School and Jackson State University. She is a member of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

In 1987, Minnie was hired by the Tunica County Department of Human Services in Tunica, Mississippi. Her responsibilities included determining the initial and continuing eligibility of applicants and recipients for welfare assistance and provide other services related to the programs of the county offices.

When not busy at work Minnie has volunteered at community pride fairs, community health fairs, schools and churches. She has served several years as a member of various community and civic groups such as the Tunica County United Voters League, Tunica County PUSH, Concerned Citizens of Tunica, Leaders of Tomorrow, and African-Americans for A Better Tunica County and Tunica County NAACP. In her spare time she enjoys traveling, reading, walking and working out.

Minnie has been recognized and honored for her work. She has received numerous awards and accolades. She has been a recipient of the Community Service Award, Woman of the Year Award, and the Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award.

Minnie has over 24 years experience in community organizing, program implementation and nonprofit management. She is presently the Executive Director of Tunica County Housing Project, Inc. Since its beginning Tunica County Housing Project, Inc. (TCHP) has had as its goal, “to provide decent affordable housing for families with low incomes living in Tunica County, Mississippi.” For 19 years, Tunica County Housing Project, Inc. has been a leader in promoting affordable housing in Tunica County. “Minnie Carter believes that homeownership contributes to the Tunica County economy, builds strong communities and is a powerful tool for building economic stability and self-esteem for families.” Tunica County Housing Project, Inc. is especially committed to improving the quality of life for the people of Tunica County.

One of TCHP greatest accomplishments has been the creation of a subdivision, Nellie

Johnson Village in Tunica County. This subdivision consists of sixty-one affordable houses owned by families with low and very low incomes.

In 2004 TCHP assumed the Tunica County Housing Rehabilitation Program. This program is designed to bring a person’s house up to compliance with the Standard Housing Code published by International Residential Code as adopted by Tunica County and all other relevant codes adopted by the local governing bodies. TCHP has repaired and rehabilitated 146 homes for families with low incomes. It has provided replacement mobile homes for 23 families whose homes were beyond repair.

In 2007 TCHP received a Housing Preservation Grant in the amount of \$117,921.71. This program is designed to assist homeowners with low and very low incomes with the repair and rehabilitation of their homes to bring their dwellings up to development standards. The HPG funds were used to complement the funds committed by Tunica County. TCHP has repaired and rehabilitated an additional 24 homes for families with low and very low incomes utilizing these funds.

In 2008 TCHP assumed the Tunica County Mortgage Assistance Program (TMAP) which provides up to \$25,000 to first time homebuyers purchasing a home in Tunica County. The grant may be used for down payment and/or closing costs.

Since 2010 Minnie has been a mentor for the Tunica County Mentoring Program. She plans to help mentees make positive connections between the world of work, school and the community. She believes this will help mentees develop personal skills and career awareness in order to make better life-long decisions.

A LIFE OF SERVICE: SERGEANT MAJOR JAMES BOWLING

HON. JOSEPH J. HECK

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Mr. HECK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and honor the life of Sergeant Major James Franklin Bowling, Jr., United States Marine Corps (Retired). Sergeant Major Bowling was born the son of a marine on July 21, 1952, in Quantico, Virginia. He served his nation as a marine for over 30 years, retiring in 2001, but remaining active in his local community.

Sergeant Major James Franklin Bowling joined the United States Marines Corps in 1970 where he served for 31 years. He completed tours in Okinawa, Saudi Arabia, Desert Storm and Desert Shield. Jim’s true passion in the Marine Corps was serving as a Drill Instructor. He served as a Drill Instructor for two tours at Quantico for Officers Candidacy School and three tours at Parris Island. At Parris Island he met a then-Sergeant in the Marine Corps who would become his wife; Gunnery Sergeant Jacqueline Bowling (née Milton), USMC (Retired).

Sergeant Major Bowling was truly a dedicated marine. His drive to serve leaves a positive impression on his family, his community, and his country. His exceptional tour of service saw the end of the Vietnam War, the end of the Cold War and the beginning of the Global War on Terror.

After retiring from the Marine Corps almost 10 years ago, the Bowlings moved to Henderson, Nevada. Sergeant Major Bowling became active with veterans in Henderson. He joined the Black Mountain Detachment of the Marine Corps League and served as its Detachment Commandant from 2007 to 2009. He served as an officer with the Devil Dogs, an honorary degree within the Marine Corps League. The Sergeant Major also dedicated part of his life to the Devil Pups Youth Leadership Program of America, serving as a sponsor and Volunteer PT Instructor with them. At the Department of Nevada level of the Marine Corps League, he served as Junior Vice Commandant from 2008 to 2009, and was serving as Detachment Junior Past Commandant and Detachment Chaplain when he passed away.

Sergeant Major Bowling’s career is also distinguished by the many decorations and awards he received during his service: Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award); Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal; Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; Navy Unit Commendation; Meritorious Unit Commendation; Good Conduct Medal (9th Award); National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award); Southwest Asia Service Medal (2nd Award); Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; Drill Instructor Ribbon (4th Award); Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia); Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait); Rifle Expert Badge (3rd Award); and the Pistol Sharpshooter Badge.

Sergeant Major Bowling is survived by his wife of 22 years, Gunnery Sergeant Jacqueline Bowling (née Milton), USMC (Retired). He also leaves behind his son, Jonathan; his mother, Hattie Trombley; two sisters, Becky Bird and Lode Silcox; and two brothers, David Bowling and Stephen Bowling.

Sergeant Major Bowling will be remembered for his sacrifice and willing service, and for the extraordinary qualities he displayed as a husband, father, and friend. His personal warmth, sense of humor, and unfailing optimism brightened the lives of everyone around him. We will long remember the great impact he made on us all—he will be truly missed.

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes:

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to Sections 1628 through 1634, and 1648 of the bill, which cuts funding to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

I oppose these provisions because they are unwise, irresponsible, and undermine our nation’s ability to prepare, respond, or mitigate natural and man-made disasters and terrorist attacks. In short, I oppose the bill because it puts the security of our homeland at risk.

This bill that the Republicans are bringing to the floor today is reckless not only to our